

reproduced by the reproduction section and record the retrieval information on a control table, and a control circuit to search the control table by using the retrieval information when the digital data from the reproduction section is written by the recording section, thereby to permit the writing of digital data recorded on the medium with the recording section when the retrieval information is not recorded on the control table, and to prohibit the writing of digital data recorded on the medium with the recording section when the retrieval information is already recorded on the control table, and also to prevent the mistaken duplicate copying of the digital data with the recording section.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8 by rewriting same to read as follows:

--1. (Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

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reproduction means to reproduce digital data from a recording medium recorded with the digital data and with retrieval information;

recording means for writing the digital data reproduced by said reproduction means and said retrieval information on a control table in an internal memory; and a control circuit for searching the control table by using the retrieval information when the digital data from the

reproduction means is written by said recording means, for permitting the writing of the digital data recorded on said recording medium ^{into} said internal memory of said recording means when said retrieval information is not already recorded in said control table, and for prohibiting the writing of the digital data recorded on said recording medium into said internal memory of said recording means when said retrieval information is already recorded on said control table.

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--2. (Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

a drive device to reproduce digital audio data from a recording medium recorded with the digital audio data;

a hard disk drive device written with the digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium by said drive device;

a control table containing retrieval information for the recording medium written with said digital audio data in said hard disk drive device from among a plurality recording mediums; and

a control circuit to search the control table by using the retrieval information when the digital data from the reproduction means is written by said recording means, to permit the writing of digital audio data recorded on said recording medium with said recording means when said retrieval information is not recorded in said control table, and to prohibit the writing of digital audio data recorded on

recoding said medium with said recording means when said retrieval information is already recorded on said control table.

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--3. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising display means connected to said control circuit and when said control circuit prohibits writing onto the hard disk drive device of digital audio data recorded on said recording medium, said display means displays information indicating that writing is prohibited.

--4. (Amended) the recording apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein when writing the digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium onto said hard disk drive device, said control circuit first compresses the digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium and writes the compressed digital audio data onto said hard disk drive device.

--5. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 4, wherein in said control table, the digital audio data is paired with the retrieval information for the recording medium written with the digital audio data in said hard disk drive device, and said control table has data showing a write position of said digital audio data in said hard disk drive.